drug laws, improved coordination between drug law enforcement agencies in order to impart greater cohesion and multi agencies approach, increased international cooperation in intelligence collection, investigation and mutual legal assistance, bilateral agreements on drug related matters between a number of countries including Myanmar and border meeting between law enforcement agencies of India and Myanmar.

Handling of crimes against Foreign Nationals

1601. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI's Interpol Division has been designated as the nodal agency to handle crimes against foreign nationals in India; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the factors that influenced such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Domestic violence against women

†1602. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of exploitation of women, harassment of women, domestic violence, deaths of women due to dowry etc., during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to make more stringent laws to save the women from domestic violence and harassment; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to bring forward any Bill on this subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) The details of incidents of exploitation of women, sexual harassment of women, cruelty by husband and relatives, dowry deaths, etc. reported during 2001, 2002 and 2003 are giving in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 204 Annexure No. 14]

(b) and (c) Domestic violence and harassment has been a cause of concern to the Government of India. The Protection from Domestic Violence

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.